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Dedication

This book is lovingly dedicated to our foreparents, family members, and friends who unselfishly gave their time, energy, and resources for the upbuilding of the Good Hope Baptist Church and the Kingdom of God. Because of their efforts, we have the strength to persevere today on this mission of uplifting the name of Jesus.

C Hendrick Williamson
To
Good Hope Baptist Church

State of North Carolina,
WAKE COUNTY.

THIS DEED, Made this the 7th day of March, 1894, by C Hendrick Williamson of Wake County, and State of North Carolina, of the first part, to Thomas Wilson B Terrell and Johnson Pair Deacons of Good Hope Baptist Church Shotwell N C of Wake County, and State of North Carolina, of the second part, *Witnesseth*:

That said C H Williamson in consideration of Twenty five ($25.00) Dollars, to him paid by said Thomas Wilson B Terrell and Johnson Pair, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has bargained and sold, and by these presents do hereby bargain, sell and convey to said Thomas Wilson B Terrell Johnson Pair & their successors in trust for Good Hope Baptist Church a certain tract or parcel of land in Wake County, State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of C C Doub Good Hope Baptist Church and C H Williamson (Said land being designated a Gore and for Good Hope Baptist Church) and others, bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at a stake in Corner of Doub and Williamson and thence East with said line 420 feet to a stone in said line, thence South in Williamson's line 210 feet to a stake in said Williamson line, thence West with Williamson line 420 feet to the Williamson and Church corner line thence North Church line 210 feet to the Beginning.

Containing Two Acres more or less.

The above tract or parcel of land bought by and belongs to Good Hope Baptist Church and said Trustees are thus empowered by order of said Church.

To Have and to Hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land, and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said Thomas Wilson B Terrell Johnson Pair & their successors ~~heirs~~ and assigns, to Good Church only use and behoof forever.

And the said C H Williamson, covenant, with said Thomas Wilson B Terrell and Johnson Pair heirs and assigns, that he is seized of said premises in fee, and has a right to convey the same in fee-simple; that the same are free and clear from all incumbrances, and that he will warrant and defend the title to the same against the claims of all persons whomsoever.

In Testimony Whereof, The said C H Williamson has hereunto set his hand and seal, the day and year above written.

C Hendrick Williamson (SEAL)

Attest: J Harvey Pair (SEAL)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Wake County.

I, hereby certify that and his wife, appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the annexed deed of conveyance; and the said being by me privately examined, separate and apart from her said husband, touching her voluntary execution of the same, doth state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of her said husband, or any other person, and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto. Let the same, with this certificate, be registered.

Witness, my hand and seal, this day of, A. D. 189

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Wake County. Geo W Thompson, Clerk Superior Court do hereby certify that

The execution of the ~~foregoing~~ annexed instrument was this day acknowledged before me by C Hendrick Williamson thereto. Let the same, with this certificate, be registered.

Witness, my hand ~~and~~ seal, this 12th day of Nov, 189 4

Geo W Thompson Clerk Superior Court

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Wake County.

The foregoing certificate of, a Justice of the Peace of Wake County, is adjudged to be in due form and according to law. Therefore let the same, with this certificate, be registered.

Witness, my hand and official seal, this day of, 189

Clerk Court.

Filed for registration on the 12th day of Nov, 189 4, at 3 o'clock P M., and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wake County, N. C., in Book 128, page 207 Nov 15th, 189 4

Millard Mial, Register of Deeds.

NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

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THIS DEED, made this the 5th day of August, 1970, by M. J. Sexton and wife, Laura D. Sexton, of Wake County, North Carolina, Grantors, to J. W. Evans, Garfield Bryant, Arthur Barbour, James Coffey, Isiah Goodson, Sidney L. Hinton, Otis Williams, J. J. Blake and Manley Lane, Trustees of Good hope Baptist Church, of Wake County, North Carolina, Grantees,

W I T N E S S E T H:

That the Grantors, in consideration of the sum of ten dollars and other valuable considerations, to them paid by the Good Hope Baptist Church, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey to said Grantees, their successors and assigns, a certain lot or parcel of land in Marks Creek Township, Wake County, North Carolina, particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron stake in the east boundary line of the right-of-way of SR 2233, corner of the Good Hope Church property, runs thence along said right-of-way boundary as follows: N. 06° 16' W., 520.75 feet; thence N. 06° 22' W., 500.00 feet; thence N. 07° 29' W., 100.00 feet; thence N. 08° 42' W., 100.00 feet; thence N. 10° 33' W., 100.10 feet to an iron stake, Kirk's corner; thence leaving the east boundary of SR 2233 with the Kirk, Willoughby and Blake lines S. 84° 00' E., 521.98 feet to a new iron in the Sidney Hinton line; thence with the said Hinton line S. 06° 18' W., 1253.20 feet to a concrete monument, corner of the Williamson property; thence N. 87° 02' W., 229.20 feet to the point of beginning, containing 10.75 acres more or less and is a part of Tract No. 4 of the Doub estate lands as shown on a map of the property made by Sam Powell, Registered Surveyor.

This property was conveyed to Grantors by deed dated January 3, 1970, recorded in Book 1906, Page 641, Wake County Registry.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the aforesaid lot or parcel of land, and all privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to the said J. W. Evans, Garfield Bryant, Arthur Barbour, James Coffey, Isiah Goodson, Sidney L. Hinton, Otis Williams, J. J. Blake and Manley Lane, Trustees, as aforesaid, their successors and assigns in trust, that such premises shall be held, kept and maintained for the use of Good Hope Baptist Church; subject to the dircipline and usage of said church, as from time to time authorized and declared by the Trustees thereof. This provision is solely for the benefit of the Church, and the grantors reserve no right or interest in said premises.

PREPARED BY JOHN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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And the said Grantors, for themselves and their heirs, executors and administrators, covenant with said Trustees and their successors and assigns, that they are seised of said premises in fee and have the right to convey the same in fee simple; that the same are free and clear from all encumbrances and that they do hereby forever warrant and will forever defend the said title to the same, against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said M. J. Sexton and wife, Laura D. Sexton, Grantors, have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

M. J. Sexton (SEAL)
M. J. Sexton

Laura D. Sexton (SEAL)
Laura D. Sexton

NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

I, Louise B. Gaddy, a Notary Public of Wake County, North Carolina, do hereby certify that M. J. Sexton and his wife, Laura D. Sexton, each personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing and annexed deed of conveyance.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this 6th day of August, 1970.

Louise B. Gaddy
Notary Public

My commission expires: Sept. 1, 1974

NORTH CAROLINA—WAKE COUNTY

The foregoing certificate of Louise B. Gaddy

Notary Public is

duly certified to be genuine. The instrument was presented for registration and recorded in this office in Book 1944 Page 231

This 26 day of Aug 1970 at 1:30 o'clock P. M.

L. B. DONALDSON, Register of Deeds

By Alice J. Dixon
Deputy Register of Deeds

HISTORY COMMITTEE
Good Hope Baptist Church

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Foreword

The Good Hope Baptist Church was established based upon a strong spiritual and emotional need to have a church to call our own. Through their efforts, our foreparents paved a way for us. We need to continue to follow the example of perserverance set by them.

This book represents an attempt to compile into words and pictures that history and development of our church through the years. We hope that this book will serve as an instrument of inspiration for all members and that it will become the family heirloom that it was intended to be.

Every effort has been made to present this book as accurately as possible. If there are errors or omissions, we hope that you will forgive them.

The History Committee would like to thank all those persons who cooperated with us while we compiled this book. Thanks to all who told our history as they remembered it. We would like to say a special thanks Deacon Judson Debnam for allowing me to use his camera to take most of the pictures shown in this book.

It is our hope that this book will reveal, in words and pictures, our church's development through the years. It is our further hope that this document will promote understanding among our youths and older church members, and that we all develop a greater sense of responsibility toward our Church and toward our duties as Christians.

The following pages, beginning with the history and ending with the bibliography page, represent the work of a former committee, The Centennial Committee who under the guidance of Reverend C.R. Trotter were the first to make the effort to preserve our history. We praise them for being the first to make the efforts to preserve our history.

Catherine Debnam
Chairperson and Editor

A History of Good Hope Baptist Church

Early Roots in Hephzibah Baptist Church

From all available records, Good Hope Baptist Church is a daughter of the Hephzibah Baptist Church, white, which is situated on Highway 64 East, about four miles west of Wendell. Black members were recorded on the rolls of that church as early as May, 1810 and thereafter until 1912 when the last one died in the person of "Aunt Hixie Merritt." She was the last black member buried in that cemetery. In 1823 Hephzibah Baptist Church's membership consisted of 88 males, 120 females and 40 blacks. The record of 1832 mentions two black deacons serving the church.

"Hephzibah Baptist Church was constituted by Elder John Purefoy of Wake Cross Roads and John Galley of the Rock Spring Church of Johnston County. The ten original members were: William Broadwell, Henry Jordan, Reuben Jordan, Lott Robertson, Martin Hall, Savina Bagwell, Christina Bagwell, Mary Jordan, Sophia Hocutt and Martha Hall. The date of this organizational meeting was December 30, 1809. John Purefoy was elected pastor." (1)

Prior to 1865 the custom and practice was for blacks to worship in white churches. They were not accepted on par with their white sisters and brothers. The records of Hephzibah show that blacks were taken into membership constantly. In September, 1863 the Minutes of Hephzibah state: "Received by experience John Morgan (Colored); Louis, servant of B. Y. Debnam; Grizzie, servant of A. B. Foster; Lewis, servant of G. W. Scarborough." (2)

The October meeting of that same year shows: "Betsey, servant of Joseph Fowler; Badger, former servant of Jackson Terill; Mazie Hall, a free Colored woman, were received in membership." (3)

Between 1840 and 1860 there was much growing discontent among the colored brethern and sisters all over the county. It was during this period that many of our independent churches and denominations were born. Hephzibah was no exception. In the December meeting of 1865, a motion was recorded which stated: "Granting the colored brethern and sisters the privilege of worshipping among themselves rescinded." (4) The meaning of this motion is that the blacks had already been granted the privilege of leaving the Mother Church, but at this meeting, this action was rescinded. This shows further that there was much confusion in the church over the status of blacks.

The Minutes of 1866 states: "Agreed that the church grant her colored members a letter in a body and constitute them into a separate church." (5) It is unfortunate that we do not have the details of the organization of a separate church. Just how many members formed this church is not known. We do not know how much assistance the white brethern gave the colored, if any. If the colored brethern and sisters came out of Hephzibah Baptist Church, as this motion states, in 1866, it is probable that Good Hope Baptist Church is 105 years old. There is much validity in this motion because in a regular worship service, as the colored members were worshipping in the balcony, a deacon Scarborough asked them to leave because of emotional outcries.

After the colored members came out of Hephzibah Baptist Church, they seemed to have followed patiently like the Children of Israel in "Wilderness Wandering." They seemed to have moved from first one place and then another for a period of about 10 or 12 years. It seems that all of the colored members did not leave the Mother Church. According to relatives testimonies those members who did leave, the number unknow, met first under "Brush Arbors" at a place called "'Butterstump," between Eagle Rock and Buffalo. We do not know how long they remained there, but a few years later we were told that they met at a place called "Black Anchor" near Brother Ruth Dunn's farm. Some time around 1875 this little band is reported to have built a log hut about "twenty by twenty" some where in the neighborhood of the old rock near S. M. McCullers' farm. We are not able to document with any degree of certainty the activity of this period.

Brother Sylvester Mial related that a John Curry, known as "Father Curry" and the Reverend Essic Blake were instrumental in the organization of Good Hope Baptist Church. When the question of a name came before the members, Father Blake said call the church, "Good Hope." It is my candid opinion that the Reverend Mr. Essic Blake aided in the organization of The First Baptist Church, Clayton; Springfield Baptist Church, Auburn; Wake Baptist Grove, Garner; and the Wakefield Baptist Church, Zebulon. Reverend Blake was instrumental in organizing the Johnston District Association and perhaps was its first Moderator about the year of 1885. I am told by those who remember Reverend Blake that he was of small stature, but possessed great power as a preacher.

We know with certainty that by 1878, the Good Hope Baptist Church had been organized with deacons and trustees. A deed recorded in the Wake County Court House in Book No. 56, page 8 is dated December 1878, made to:

> "Banks Price, Simon Price, Isham Pair, Allen Miles and Haywood Wilder, Trustees of the Good Hope Baptist Church all of the State and County Aforesaid, Witnesseth: That in consideration of twenty-five dollars, in hand paid to said Wm. B. Doubd and L. L. Doubd have bargained and sold, and they do hereby bargain and sell and convey to said trustees and their successors in office, all their rights, title and interest in and to the following tract of land, situated:

Begining in the Middle of the Smithfield Road near the N.W. Corner of the Shuck House field and running just north of a large pine side tree Due East (3.1) Three and one tenth chains to the line; Thence with said line North 3 degrees. East (3.1) Three and one tenth chains to stake and pointers; Thence due West to the Middle of the Smithfield Road; thence down the said Road to the beginning, containing one Acre, More or less. (6)

It is further mentioned in the records of Hephzibah Baptist Church that twenty-five dollars was given to the colored brethern to purchase a church site; and the records also show that twenty-five dollars was the purchase price for the original tract.

The first pastor of the Good Hope Baptist Church, as far as the available records go, was the Reverend Essic Blake, who at this time must have been in his early years. Some other early leaders, other than those mentioned in the deed were, "Brisker Jones," Sonnie Powell, Green Hinton, Ransom Mial, Clark Griffis and Fenner Terrill.

About 1894, or there about, the church must have realized the need for a cemetery

According to a deed, made this the 7th of March, 1894, C. Hendrick Williamson of Wake County, and State of North Carolina, of the first part, to Haywood Wilder, B. T. Terrell and Isham Pair, Trustees of Good Hope Baptist Church, Shotwell, N. C., of Wake County and the State of North Carolina, of the second part, Witnesseth:

That said C. H. Williamson in consideration of twenty-five ($25.00) dollars to him paid by said Trustees, Haywood Wilder, B. T. Terrell and Isham Pair, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has bargained and sold . . . to said trustees . . . a certain tract or parcel of land in Wake County, State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of L. L. Doubd, Good Hope Baptist Church and C. H. Williamson (said land being designated a graveyard for Good Hope Baptist Church. (7) According to this deed the graveyard is 420 feet by 210 feet being two acres, more or less. The deed is recorded the 12th of November, 1894. Millard Mial was the Register of Deeds.

The second pastor of Good Hope Baptist Church was the Reverend Robert Shepherd. (Bob Shepherd). We don't know the end of Reverend Blake's pastorate nor the beginning of Reverend Shepherd's; but some of the older members who knew Reverend Shepherd said he pastored about fifteen or twenty years. According to the Minutes of the Wake Baptist Association for the year 1881, fifteen years after the constitution of the church, the total membership was 100 persons; thirty males and seventy females. The delegates that year were Clark Griffin, F. Terrill and Haywood Wilder. The total valuation of the church was listed as $2.000.00.

In the year of 1892 the Minutes of the Wake Baptist Association list the Reverend S. B. Barker as the pastor of the church and a membership of 210.

The Minutes of 1893 listed Reverend Joseph Perry as pastor of the church. He was also at that time, the Moderator of the Wake Association, and the teacher in the Shotwell Community.

The records of 1901 list the Reverend A. T. Price as pastor and G. H. Williams as clerk. The membership was 220. The Reverend Price served this church on two different occasions. He must have been a young man at this pastorate which covered a period of two or three years.

The year 1905 records the Reverend W. S. Wyche as pastor and Arthur Jones as clerk. We do not know just how long Reverend Wyche served, but we are led to believe that it covered several years. It was reported of him that he was a "powerful preacher."

It is thought by some of the members that the Reverend Dr. George W. Moore followed Reverend Wyche, but I do not find any records to substantiate this assertion. Sister Mazie Johnson, Cora A. Watson and Brother Joseph J. Blake state that he did conduct a great revival about this time when many persons came to Christ. Whether he was pastor or just the evangelist is not clear.

The year 1912 found the Reverend A. B. Vincent as pastor and R. G. Dunn as clerk. Reverend Vincent served until 1917. **The North Carolina Edition of the American Negro** states that he pastored for seven years. It is probable that he assumed the pastorate around 1910. If this is the case his tenure woud be around seven years. His biographical sketch lists him as A.B., A.M., and D.D. and a member of the faculty of Shaw University. (8)

The Reverend A. T. Price came back to Good Hope for a second pastorate in 1918 and served until his death in 1928.

The Reverend John Henry Clanton served as pastor from 1929 through 1930. The Reverend Clanton was followed by the Reverend E. M. Saunders who served several years. He was followed by a local son of the church, the Reverend Charlie Jones who served about one year.

In 1938 the Reverend A. B. Johnson became pastor and served until December, 1942. Under his leadership the church was covered with tin shingles and a conference room was erected.

About the early part of 1943, the Reverend C. L. Faison was called to the church, but chose not to serve.

On the second Sunday in February, 1943 the Reverend Claude R. Trotter was invited to supply the pulpit and that following April the church extended him a call. He accepted and has served the church through some of the most productive years of its long history. After about a year's observation and study of the church, Pastor Trotter saw the need for better organization. He recommended the "group system." The church was divided into six geographical areas. The

original areas and their leaders were as follows: Shotwell, Mrs. Carrie McCullers, who declined in favor of her daughter, Mrs. Hattie Bryant; Good Hope Group, Mrs. Bessie Hinton who declined in favor of Mrs. Laura Ruth Hinton who served for about fifteen years; Eagle Rock, Mrs. Viola Johnson who served until Eagle Rock merged with Shotwell and other groups; Knightdale, Mrs. Annie Jones; Auburn, Mrs. Zenobia Jones; and Raleigh Group, Mrs. Mary Jane Adams. The groups have been a real blessing to the church both financially and spiritually.

The deacons have played an important role in the long history of our church. Some of the deacons were: Isham Pair, Brisker Jones, Simon Price, Banks Price, Haywood Wilder, Conley Bryant, Fenner Terrell, Sr., Allen Miles and Green Hinton. The next set of deacons were Rufus Merrit, Felex Watson, Richmond Hinton, Porter Powell, Badger Terrell and Arthur Jones, Sr. These deacons were followed by Sylvester Mial, Ruth Dunn, Augustus Goodson, Sr., S. M. McCullers, Collins Hinton, Henry Coffey and James H. Watson. About 1944 the church elected the following brothers as deacons: Fred Debnam, Fenner Bryant, Marion Goodson and Early Johnson. Some years later Norman Dunn, Lemuel Mials, Henderson McCullers and Ollie Dunston joined the ranks. Brother Nathan H. Watson moved his membership from Lee's Cross Road Baptist Church and was accepted with full rights as a deacon. The next men elected to the deaconship were Leonard Williams and Walter Williams. The last set of men to be elected as deacons were Theodore Goodson, Ones Polk, Walter Hinton and Willie E. Jones. Dalon Freeman moved his membership from Smith Temple Free Will Baptist Church, and was later accepted as a deacon of Good Hope Baptist Church.

The present roster of deacons are Nathan H. Watson, Fred Debnam, Dalon Freeman, Marion Goodson, Fenner Bryant, Walter Williams, Ollie Dunston, Ones Polk, Theodore Goodson, Walter Hinton and Willie E. Jones.

The present roster of trustees are J. W. Evans, Isaiah Goodson, Arthur Barbour, Garfield Bryant, James Coffey, Sidney Lee Hinton, Otis Williams and Joseph J. Blake who is also the present treasurer.

In 1948 the church engaged Mr. Eugene Savage to design a new church edifice 42' x 90'. By 1951 sufficient funds, with the help of members and friends who donated timber, had been gathered for the erection of a new church. Pastor Trotter was engaged to supervise the construction of the building, and by the end of 1952 the building project was well on its way. On June 30, 1957 the new church was dedicated formerly by the Reverend Samuel Moss Carter of Richmond, Virginia.

The stain glass windows are donations from individuals and groups. The H. R. Coffey family, the Johnson Family, the A. I. Goodson Family, and the S. M. McCullers Family gave the windows which bear their names. The window which bears the name of Deacon Collin Hinton and Mrs. Zenobia Jones was donated by the Auburn Group in their memory. The window which bears the name of Mr. G. H. Williams and Mrs. Alex Hines was donated by the Knightdale Group. The window which bears the name of "Aunt Jane Jones" was donated by Mr. Carl Williamson. The window which bears the name of Mrs. Cora Pair Thomas was given by the church in memory of the distinguished Christian work of a former member in Liberia, West Africa. The large window in the front of the church was given through the efforts of Mrs. Bessie Coffey. The window which bears the name of Mrs. Inez Dunn was donated by the Shotwell group. The picture of "Jesus in the Garden" was donated by the Debnam Family several years later.

On June 3, 1957, the church purchased thirty-six pews fifteen feet long from Southern Desk Company at a cost of $4,025.00. A few years later the church installed a new Hammond Organ. In the spring of 1967 the church launched a building program to include Sunday School rooms, kitchen and dining area. During this time the membership doubled. In 1970 the church purchased four acres of additional land, making a total of eight acres of land owned by the church. All of these physical accomplishments have occurred under Pastor Trotter's long pastorate.

The new pulpit set is a donation to the church by the deaconess, under the leadership of Mrs. Annie Bryant.

The Bulletin Board in the front of the church is a donation of Miss Elmira Pace, given in the honor of James and Hattie Pace, her father and mother.

THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Left to Right — Miss Thelma Johnson, Mrs. Easter Sanders, Mrs. Cora A. Watson and Mrs. Elmira Greene

Back Row — Reverend L. Mial, Pastor Trotter and Mr. Nathan Watson

TRIBUTES: TO MRS. CORA PAIR THOMAS

Mrs. Thomas

No true history of the Good Hope Baptist Church can be written without some mention of the unique contribution of Mrs. Cora Pair Thomas. Many persons, men and women, have left their foot prints upon the sand of time, but thou excellest them all.

Cora Ann Pair, the fourth child of the late Harmon H. Pair and Allie V. Pair was born September 8, 1875 in Shotwell, Wake County, North Carolina.

After her basic schooling in the local community, she graduated from Shaw University in 1895. She also did further work at Fisk University and the J. R. Moone Fireside School in Nashville, Tennessee. Miss Pair seemed to have possessed a great humanitarian spirit, perhaps greatly influenced by her pastor, the Reverend Robert Shepherd.

"She taught in the Public Schools of Wake and Nash Counties; while thus engaged she was invited to accept the principalship of the Colored Orphanage, Oxford, North Carolina. She held this post until she felt strongly urged to the work of the foreign field — Africa."

While at Shaw University she met the Reverend William H. Thomas who was pursuing training both in the arts and religion. After both completed their courses and were prepared for the work to which the Master had called them, they were married November, 1908 and sailed the following month for Liberia, West Africa. They arrived January, 1909 in Brewerville where they labored together for thirty-three years.

The Church At Worship

Some Former Pastors

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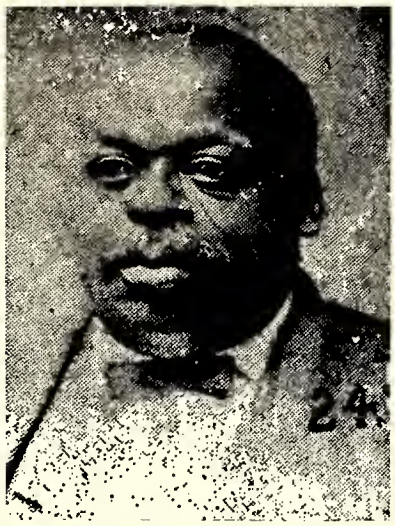

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1866-?

REV. ROBERT SHEPHERD
1876-1880

REVEREND S. B. BARKER
1892

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REVEREND JOSEPH PERRY
1893 ?

REVEREND A. T. PRICE
1901-1904
1917-1928

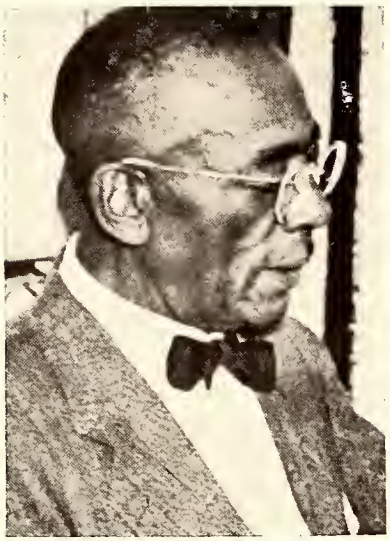
REVEREND W. S. WYCHE
1905

REVEREND A. V. VINSON
1910-1916

REVEREND A. T. PRICE
1917-1928

REVEREND J. H. CLANTON
1929-1933

Some Former Pastors



REVEREND E. N. SANDERS
1934-1936

REVEREND C. C. JONES
1937-1938

REVEREND A. B. JOHNSON
1938-1942

Reverend C.R. Trotter

Reverend James Daniels

Pastor W. J. Cox

Some Former Deacons

COLLINS HINTON

AUGUSTUS GOODSON

RUFUS DUNN

S. M. McCULLERS

RUFUS MARRIOTT

RICHMOND HINTON

NOT PICTURED

BADGER TERRELL

SYLVESTER MIAL

Present Deacon Board

From left to right — Walter Hinton, Dalon Freeman, Nathan Watson, Willie E. Jones, Marion Goodson, Pastor Trotter, Fenner Bryant, Ollie Dunston, Theodore Goodson, Walter Williams, and Ones Polk. Not Present — Fred Debnam.

Deaconess

From left—Sisters Viola Johnson, Nannie Goodson, McKannie Jones, Lucy Watkins, Katie Dunston, Cora Watson, Lee Ellis Polk, Mary Thorpe, Lillie Mae Williams, Matilda Mial, Eldora Watson, Bessie Coffey, Louise Clinkscales, Annie Bryant and Elmira Green.

Some Church Leaders About 1945

Seated: Alex Hines, Roberta Debnam, Mary Mial, Hattie Bryant, Pastor Trotter, Cora Watson, Bessie Coffey.

Standing: Nathan Watson, Henry Coffey, S. M. McCullers, Eldora Watson, Lenora Jones, Annie McCullers, Susie Freeman, and Norman Dunn.

Back row: Lemuel Mial, Erlie Johnson, Fred Debnam, Sylvester Mial, Fenner Bryant, Marion Goodson, James H. Watson, and Henderson McCullers.

Some Senior Members

GROUNDBREAKING FOR CHURCH ADDITION — 1967

Sisters Mazie Johnson, Ellen Blake, Kate Watson, Susie Freeman, Jane Adams and Hattie Giles.

Standing — Brother Nathan Watson and Pastor Trotter.

Trustees

Left to right — James Coffey, Jessie Evans, Arthur Barber, Pastor Trotter, Joseph Blake, and Sidney Hinton. Not. Pictured — Garfield Bryant and Isiah Goodson.

Senior Choir

From left to right — Matilda Mial, Cora Watson, Pastor Trotter, Claudia Lane.

Second row — Nathan Watson, Connie Hanes, Mary Bridges, Annie Jones, Annie Adams, Elmira Green, Jessie Mial, Gladys Young.

Third row — Nannie Goodson, Viola Neal, Mattie Bell Hinton, Lee Elsie Polk.

Back row — Mildred Staten, Charles Watson, Jessie Evans, Sidney Lee Hinton.

Seated: Leatrice Highsmith. Not Pictured — Bertha Mial, Christian Hinton, Isaiah Goodson, Rayfield Hines, Lou Etta Hines, and Edith Evans.

Gospel Chorus

Left to Right — Cassie O'Neal, Lucy Watkins, Lottie Hodge,; McKannie Jones, Annie Ruth McCollough, Oteria Montague.

Second row — Pastor Trotter, Leatrice Highsmith, Lessie Bell, Edna Watson, Roberta Jeffers, Queen Dunn, Zula Mae Lane, and Virginia Robertson.

Third row — Sue Hines, Yvonne Staten, Novella McCoy, Martha Evans, and Marie Watson.

Back row — Sidney Lee Hinton, Jessie Evans, Moses Dingle. Not Shown — Lucy Mae Bobbitt, Charles Watson, Blondie Hinton. Seated at the Piano — Milton Evans.

Junior Choir

Front row — Pastor Trotter, Robin Robertson, Louis Evans, Cheryl Watson, Jackie Hines, Sidney Hinton, Sheila Myatt, Antonette Watson, and Kay Peppers.
Back row — Rebecca Evans, Sabrina Jones, Angela Myatt, Casval Jones, Alfreda Clinkscales, Michael Jones. Seated, Annie Green, Pianist. Not Pictured — Barbara Hight and Lee Hines.

Young Peoples Choir

Front — Pastor Trotter, Theresa Roberson, Anita Goodson, Glenda Watkins, Angela Evans, Brenda Watkins, Quincy Hinton, Alma Lane.
Back: Ransdell Goodson, Jasper Bridges, Milton Evans, Isaiah Goodson, Jr., and Jessie Taylor. Seated — Mrs. Leatrice Highsmith, Organist.

Junior Ushers

Left to right — Antoinette Watson, Deborah A. Green, Glenda Watkins, Jasper Bridges, Angela Evans, Vera Mae Daniels, Brenda Watkns.
Back row — Stanley Goodson, Milton Evans, Deneise Price, Teresa Roberson, Jessie Taylor, Isaiah Goodson, Jr. Not Pictured — Barry Dunn, Lemon C. Bridges, Harriet Johnson, Ray Hinton, Deborah Bryant and Doris Peppers.

Senior Ushers

From left to right — Yvonne Staten, James Bridges. Laura Hinton, James Coffey, Lee Elsie Polk, Arthur Barber, Lillie Mae Williams, Moses Dingle, Zula Mae Lane, Buck Roberson Elmira Green.
Not Pictured — Richard Hinton, James O'Neal, Laney Partin, Connie Hanes, Susie Hinton, and Ivan Hinton.

When Mrs. Thomas was on her last furlow in the early 1950's it was the good pleasure of the Good Hope Baptist Church to enjoy the rich fellowship of many of the friends of this sainted soul. We attended several associations together. She told me that it was her wish to be buried beside her husband on the sacred spot where she has spent many sacrifical years. This was her prayer. In 1952 with a frail body she did go back to Africa to spend her eternal sleep with her husband and the children and people with whom she had given her life.

There is a window in the Good Hope Baptist Church given by the church which bears the inscription: **"In Memory of Mrs. Cora Pair Thomas, Missionary to Liberia, Africa 40 years. Born September, 1875, died May 10, 1952.**

Material furnished in this tribute by her son, David M. Thomas, Consulate-General of the Republic of Liberia, United Nations, 1120 Avenue of the Americas, New York 36, New York, April 25, 1967.

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BOARD OF DEACONS

Deacons: Johnny Rentz, Sidney Hinton, Fenner Bryant, Garfield Bryand, Willie E. Jones, Manly Lane, Isiah Goodson, Theodore Goodson, Judson Debnam, Ollie Dunston, A.I. Goodson. Not Shown: James Coffey. Deacon Emeritus: Marion Goodson.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustees: Ernest Adams, Douglas Jones, Lester Johnson, Henry Mial, Charles Etheridge, Samuel Greene, Foster McCullough.

A History of The Good Hope Baptist Church

(Continued)

The period of 1972-1975 was one of tension and anxiety in our church. Because of differences of opinion, there was much unrest in our church, some of which resulted in judicial litigation. As a result of this unrest, our current pastor at that time, Reverend C.R. Trotter, left Good Hope and formed another church, The Faith Missionary Baptist Church, which is located at 908 Suffolk Boulevard in Raleigh, North Carolina. Several of our members chose to join Reverend Trotter at Faith Missionary Baptist. Our membership faltered some at this time, however, as time moved on, things returned somewhat back to normal.

The search began for another pastor to lead our congregation. There were several interim ministers who preached to us during that time while the search for a new pastor continued. The search concluded in 1975.

In December, 1975, Reverend James Daniels came to Good Hope. He and his wife, Buelah and their 4 children were welcomed by the Good Hope Church family.

It was during this time that our unfinished classrooms, started by Reverend C.R. Trotter, were completed. Various families donated materials for the completion of the individual classrooms.

The Johnson children selected a room and completed and furnished it by the end of 1976. After the room was completed it was named the E. Johnson Room in memory of their father, Deacon Earlie Johnson and in honor of their mother, Deaconess Viola H. Johnson.

All the classrooms on the first floor were completed. Later the upstairs classrooms were completed, air conditioning and the Baptismal Pool were installed. The existing pulpit and choir stand were also renovated. Other church members donated gifts to the church. The communion set, which is still currently in use, was donated by Deacon Fred O. Debnam.

In April, 1976, a Constitution and By-Laws were written. Known at this time to serve on this committee were: Foster McCollough, Shirley Debnam, Barbara Jones and Velma Johnson. In August, 1986, the Constitution was amended.

In April, 1980, Reverend James Daniels left Good Hope to become pastor for the Orange Grove Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina.

On October 26, 1980 at 4:00 P.M., Reverend W.J. Cox of Dudley, North Carolina was installed as pastor of the Good Hope Baptist Church. He came to Good Hope with eighteen years of pastoral experience.

In 1981 the following people were our church officers: Sidney L. Hinton, Chairman, Board of Deacons; Earl Daniel, Chairman, Trustee Board; Marie Watson, Church Clerk; Thelma S. Johnson, Financial Secretary; Donald Ellis, Treasurer; Martha Partin, Chairperson of the Finance Committee.

On April 28, 1985, the past mortgage was burned. In early 1986, more money was borrowed to remodel the church. The church was remodeled at an approximate cost of $46,000. Will T. Bobbitt was the general contractor. Interior painting was done by Banks Painting Company. The painting of the River Jordan behind the baptismal pool was completed in April, 1986 by Walter Keul of Statesville, North Carolina. The steps outside the church were renovated and a wheel chair ramp was installed by King Bobbit of Raleigh, North Carolina. Our pews were cushioned and recovered by Carolina Church Furnishings of High Point, North Carolina.

On May 16, 1986, the Joint Boards recommended to the Church that Pastor Cox resign as Pastor of Good Hope because of irreconcilable differences concerning his contract. The Church body voted to accept the recommendation from the Joint Board.

Once again, the search was on for a pastor to lead our congregation. A Pulpit Committee was formed by the Deacons and voted upon by the Church body. This committee was made up of the following persons: Deacon Sidney L. Hinton, Chairman, Faye Walton, Deacon Judson Debnam, Trustee Foster McCullough, Iantha Greene, Clifton Dunn, Trustee Charles Etheridge, Deacon Johnny Rentz, Laney Partin, Dilcy Hall, Deacon Fenner Bryant and Deborah Dunn.

After months of interviewing and going over many resumes, two names were brought to the church. According to the Constitution and By-Laws of our church, only one name at a time can be presented and that said name must receive a two-thirds majority vote. The first name recommended on Jan. 30, 1987 to the church was Reverend Chester Reddick from Wilmington, North Carolina. The church body voted not to accept the recommendation from the Pulpit Committee. The second name recommended on March 13, 1987 was Reverend William T. Newkirk from Clayton, North Carolina. The recommendation failed to receive the two-thirds majority vote.

On Friday, March 20, 1987, the Church body voted to resolve the present committee and form a new committee consisting of no more than five persons.

The seats in the choir stand were recovered by the Youth Department under the leadership of Reverend Ervis Allen, Jr. and Antoinette Watson. Recovering of the seats was completed by the month of March, 1987.

On Sunday, March 1, 1987, the Ordination Service of Reverend Ervis E. Allen, Jr. was held at Good Hope. Reverend Thomas B. Jiles of Elevation Baptist Church was the speaker. The spoken word came from 2nd Timothy, 4:1-8.

A History of The Good Hope Baptist Church

(Continued)

While the search continued for a pastor for our church, Reverend Thomas Smith, Reverend Sherrill Dunn and Reverend Ervis Allen administered the Word to our congregation. Dr. Leo Williams from the State Baptist Convention frequently preached to our congregation also.

On Friday, June 19, 1987 at a regular church conference meeting, The Board of Deacons recommended that Reverend Melvin Davis would serve as interim pastor for our church. The church body voted to accept the recommendation. Reverend Melvin Davis lives in Raleigh and is Associate Pastor to Reverend Leotha Debnam, pastor of the Tupper Memorial Baptist Church located on Blount Street in Raleigh, North Carolina. Reverend Davis preached his first sermon to our congregation on June 28, 1987.

At conference meeting on Friday, April 17, 1987, the Board of Deacons recommended the following persons for the new pulpit committee: Deacon Theodore Goodson, Shirley Debnam, James Solomon, Dwight Mitchell and Thelma Johnson. The recommendation was accepted by the Church Body. The Pulpit Committee elected Deaconess Shirley Debnam as chairperson.

After weeks of searching and spending many hours interviewing prospective pastors, two men presented themselves to the church by preaching a sermon. Reverend Willie B. Cunningham, a Gastonia, N.C. native who is Associate Minister to Reverend W.B. Lewis, First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C., preached the first of two sermons on August 23, 1987. On August 30, 1987, Reverend Richard E. Jackson, a Durham native, preached the first of two sermons.

Friday, October 23, 1987, proved to be an eventful day. The name of Reverend Willie B. Cunningham was presented to the Church body. His name was received and accepted by the Church body by a two-thirds majority secret ballot vote. The search for a pastor has finally come to an end.

On Sunday, November 22, 1987, Reverend Willie B. Cunningham preached his first sermon to our congregation.

Our Church
1986, 1987

Our Church
1986, 1987

Hephzibah Baptist Church

OUR CHURCH BELL

Our church bell was donated by the Clyde's Chapel Baptist Church. Clyde's Chapel Baptist Church is located in Johnston County approximately four miles from Good Hope Baptist. This bell was delivered by Deacon S.M. McCullers and son, Henderson McCullers on a two-horse drawn wagon.

Scaffolds were built to install the 1,000 pound bell.

FIRST ELECTRIC LIGHT

The first electric lights for Good Hope Baptist Church were powered by a 12-battery generator which was operated by gasoline. (The gasoline started the generator and the generator kept the 12 batteries charged). It was suggested by Deacon S.M. McCullers that a "Gooseneck Light" be placed at the front entrance door. A great discussion was held concerning the possibility of this entrance light being blown out by the wind during a storm. As one can see, it was very hard for many adults to realize the difference in an electrical bulb versus kerosene light. Good Hope Baptist Church was the first rural Black church in Wake County to have electrical lights.

CHURCH PEWS

The pews for the sanctuary used prior to our present ones were donated by Mt. Miriah Church located on Rock Quarry Road and delivered by Deacon S.M. McCullers and Elliot Hines by mule and wagon.

NOTEWORTHY: Several white churches, Hephzibah Baptist, Clyde's Chapel Baptist and Mt. Miriah Church donated items to our church!

FINANCIAL GROWTH
Good Hope Baptist Church

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that he died for the sins of all mankind. We believe that the act of sharing is supporting the ministry of Jesus Christ. We believe that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. The silver is mine, the gold is mine saith the Lord of hosts. We believe that it is our duty to our do best, not how little we can give, but how much for the cause of Christ.

Over the years we have been fortunate enough to grow financially. The following figures will show our growth over the years.

DATE	TITHES AND OFFERINGS
May 2, 1976	$ 331.88
September 11, 1977	585.00
September 10, 1978	570.76
December 2, 1979	542.24
September 7, 1980	526.05
October 12, 1980	746.66
September 29, 1985	1008.25
September 21, 1986	1301.17

According to past records, the Tithing System and Budget System were introduced by Reverend James Daniels sometime in 1976.

1976 Budget	$18,000	----------	Raised over $30,000
1977 Budget	34,000	----------	Raised over $39,000
1978 Budget	45,000	----------	Raised over $45,000
1979 Budget	47,000		
1985 Budget	69,000		
1986 Budget	81,000		
1987 Budget	97,600		

Baptisms

Prior to the installation of a baptismal pool in our church, baptisms were held in a number of places. Those places were as follows: Lake Myra, located on Poole Road, approximately four miles from Good Hope Baptist Church; Millard Mial's pond; Deacon Marion Goodson's pond and Deacon Fred O. Debnam's pond.

The baptismal pool was installed sometime around 1977-1978 under the leadership of Reverend James Daniel.

Reverend C.R. Trotter baptizing Pauline Jones in Deacon Fred Debnam's pond. Dwight Debnam is looking on.

Dr. Leo Williams baptizing Kevin Matthews.

Pastor W.J. Cox baptizing Angela McKinnon

Reverend James Daniel baptizing a candidate in Deacon Fred Debnam's pond.

BAPTISM RECORDS

Name	Date Baptized
Angela Swanette McKinnon	07/27/80
Christopher Hughes Debnam	11/07/82
Stephanie Hunt	11/07/82
April Jones	11/07/82
Pamela Simpson	11/07/82
Wanda Avery	04/03/83
Robert Avery	04/03/83
Stephanie Hines	11/07/82
Vera L. Hunt	04/03/83
Frank D. Rogers	04/03/83
Edward H. Hunt	04/03/83
Mary Price	09/18/83
Linda Rogers	09/18/83
Carol Price	09/18/83
James Price	09/18/83
Terry Hall	04/22/84
Aleasa Blanton	04/22/84
Tasheena McCabe	04/07/85
Denise Hill	04/07/85
Nina Michelle Dunn	04/07/85
Dwight Mitchell, Jr.	04/07/85
Beverly McLean	04/07/85
Carolina Avery	04/07/85
Tawauna Denise Dunn	04/07/85
Brenda Lavette Williams	04/07/85
Van Williams	04/07/85
Lelewellyn Womack	03/30/86
Valerie Michelle Wright	03/30/86
Danna Yvette Wright	03/30/86
Madlo Highsmith	07/13/86
Major Tywan-donell Ellis	07/13/86
Adrian Hines	07/13/86
Dawn Greene	07/13/86
Michael Watson	07/13/86
Jerry Melvin, Jr.	07/20/86
Jackie Hall	10/12/86
Evelyn Jones	10/12/86
TeWanna Jones	10/12/86
Demaris Howell	02/08/87
Kevins Matthews	02/08/87
Roverta L. Debnam	07/12/59
Catherine Debnam	07/12/59
Renella Debnam	09/10/44
Garnell Mayso Debnam	09/13/42
Swanola McKinnon	06/12/48
Virginia Seawell	09/08/46
Phyllis D. Dunn	08/14/55
Percy Debnam	09/19/38

MINISTERS

Pastor W.J. Cox, Wife, Darris
Daughter, Michelle

Reverend Ervis Allen, Wife, Margie

Reverend Thomas E. Smith, Wife, Sarah
and Children

Reverend James Daniel and Family

MINISTERS

Reverend Melvin Davis, Wife, Justine

Reverend Sherril Dunn

Reverend Willie B. Cunningham
Wife, Sharon

PASTORIAL PROFILES

Pastor W.J. Cox

Pastor W.J. Cox was born on a farm in Faison, a small rural town in Duplin County, N.C. He currently lives in Dudley with his wife, the former Darris M. Carr, and their 10 year old daughter, Michelle. In 1967, he received his Bachelor of Theology degree. An honorary doctorate degree was bestowed upon him by the United Christian College in 1974. In 1980, he left Mt. Calvary and came to Good Hope Baptist Church. Pastor Cox is a thirty-third degree Mason. Pastor Cox came to Good Hope with eighteen years of pastorial experience. Under his leadership, the past mortgage for the church was burned. In early 1986, money was borrowed to remodel the church. Remodeling improvements included a painting of the River Jordan behind the baptismal pool, renovation of the steps to include a wheel chair ramp, interior painting, new light fixtures and cushioning and covering of the church pews.

Reverend Ervis E. Allen

The Reverend Ervis E. Allen, Jr., was born in Portsmouth, Virginia. He was called to the Gospel Ministry on April 29, 1984, and was granted his Ordination License on March 1, 1987. He has served in the following capacities at Good Hope Baptist Church: Associate Minister, Director of Baptist Training Union, Youth Minister, Sunday School Teacher, Bible Study Teacher and Choir member. Reverend Allen is a graduate of Weequake High School in Newark, New Jersey. He has attended Shaw University Divinity School. Reverend Allen plans to further his theological training in the fall at Southeastern Seminary School in Wake Forest, North Carolina. Presently, Reverend Allen is the Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Wilson's Mills, North Carolina.

Reverend Thomas Earl Smith

Reverend Thomas E. Smith is a native of Wake County, educated in the Garner Public Schools. He is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill with a degree in Chemistry. He continued his education in a Master of Divinity program at Shaw Divinity School. Reverend Smith is married. His wife's name is Sarah. They have three children. Memberships and positions include: Eastern Wake Ministerial Alliance, Community Christian Fellowship of Raleigh, Inc., Beulah Retreat and Conference Center, Pastor of the Good Hope Baptist Church, Sunday School Teacher, member of Juniper Level Baptist Church. Ordained by the Wake Baptist Association.

Reverend James Daniel

Reverend James Daniel came to Good Hope Baptist Church in December of 1975. Under his guidance, the church was able to progress financially. He introduced the Tithing System and the Budget System. Several renovations were made under his leadership. These included the following: a P.A. system, office equipment, air conditioners, completion of the classrooms downstairs, carpeting of the church, completion of the pastor's study, lounge and conference room, and high risers for the choir stand. It was at this time that Good Hope also started church services every Sunday.

Reverend Willie B. Cunningham

Reverend Willie B. Cunningham is a native of Gastonia, North Carolina. He is married to Sharon Adamson Cunningham of Southern Pines, N.C. They reside in Raleigh, N.C. Reverend Cunningham is a 1985 graduate of Livingstone College, in Salisbury, N.C. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. He is a second year student of divinity at Shaw Divinity School at Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C. He is employed at the Experimental Pathology Laboratory at Research Triangle Park where he is the Supervisor of the Pathology Support Unit. Reverend Cunningham's theological perspective and personal beliefs are based on God's love for the world that He created and that which was demonstrated by the ministry of His Son, Jesus Christ. He is committed to serving God. He is a proud member of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. He honors their motto — "Culture for service, and service for humanity!"

Church Officers

GOOD HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH DEACON BOARD

Records indicate that Good Hope Baptist Church was organized and had deacons as early as 1866. This is not documented, but we know with certainty that by 1878, the church had been organized and had deacons.

The deacons have played an important role in the long history of our church. Our early deacons are listed as follows: Isham Pair, Brisker Jones, Simmon Price, Banks Price, Haywood Wilder, Conley Bryant, Fenner Terrell, Sr., Allen Miles and Green Hinton. The next set of deacons were Rufus Merritt, Felix Watson, Ichmord Hinton, Porter Powell, Badger Terrell and Arthur Jones, Sr. These deacons were followed by Sylvester Mial, Ruth Dunn, Augustus Goodson, Sr., S.M. McCullers, Collins Hinton, Henry Coffey and James H. Watson. About 1944 the following were elected as deacons: Fred O. Debnam, Fenner Bryant, Marion Goodson, and Early Johnson. Some years later Norman Dunn, Lemuel Mials, Henderson McCullers and Ollie Dunston joined the ranks. Brother Nathan H. Watson, Sr. moved his membership from Lee's Cross Road Baptist Church and was accepted with full rights as a deacon. The next man elected to the deaconship were Leonard Williams and Walter Wiliams. They were followed by Theodore Goodson, Ones Polk, Walter Hinton and Willie E. Jones. Dalon Freeman moved his membership from Smith Temple Freewill Baptist Church and was later accepted as a deacon of Good Hope Baptist Church.

The present roster of deacons are Theodore Goodson, A.I. Goodson, Fenner Bryant, James Coffey, Ollie Dunston, Manley Lane, Willie E. Jones, Johnny Rentz, Sidney L. Hinton, Isaiah Goodson and Marion Goodson. Installed in December, 1984 as deacons were Judson Debnam and Garfield Bryant. Deacon Johnny Rentz is currently the chairman of the Deacon Board. Deacon Sidney Hinton and Deacon Ollie Dunston have served as past chairmen also.

GOOD HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH TRUSTEE BOARD

Board members: Aaron Hinton, Dwight Mitchell, Douglas Jones, Foster McCullough, Larkin hines, Henry Mial, Charles Etheridge and James Thomas Cunn. Officers: Ernest L. Adams, Chairman, 1985-1986; Samuel Greene, Assistant Chairman, 1986, Chairman, 1987; Lester Johnson, Secretary. Former Trustee members: Joseph Blake, Velman Hinton, Martha Goodson, Jesse Evans, Henry E. Debnam, Earl Daniel, Romuel Jones, A.T. Goodson, Theodore Goodson, Isaiah Goodson, Ones Polk, Ollie Dunston, Leonard Williams, Joe Williams, Marion Goodson, Willie Jones and Percy Debnam.

"Deacon's Code of Ethics"

I am a Deacon in a Baptist Church. In Christ I am saved from sin to a life of faith and usefulness. In the church, of which Christ is the head, I have an opportunity to make my life count for him in Christian service.
The members of my church have expressed confidence in me by making me a Deacon.
By the grace of God, in keeping with the mind and purpose of my Lord, and in response to the confidence of my brothers and sisters, I hereby commit myself to—

The Bible
I accept the New Testament as my source of authority on the Christian lfie and work of the Deacon. From it I learn that Deacons were first chosen to serve with the pastor in the ministeries of the church, that they were ordained by the church to serve people in need, that they were expected to set an example in Christian life and service.

THE CHURCH
I will strive to work responsibly with all who are members of the church by:
- *Attending the services and participating in the work of the church*
- *Supporting the financial programs of the church*
- *Encouraging the indifferent members and praising the faithful ones*
- *Supporting the decisions of the church, even when I am in the minority*
- *Discouraging envy, jealousy, backbiting and strife*
- *Refraining from gossip and insisting that the truth be told about all matters*
- *Guarding sacredly any confidence entrusted in me*
- *Bearing witness to the unsaved and appealing to them to accept Christ and join the church.*

MY LORD
Of myself I am neither wise, good, nor strong enough to be a Deacon. But I am not alone in this work. Christ is my companion, and through His wisdom, mercy and power, I am able to serve.

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TRUSTEES AT WORK

Trustee Ernest Adams

Foster McCullough, Ernest Adams, Douglas Jones, Larkin Hines, Dwight Mitchell, Charles Etheridge and Lester Johnson.

Iantha Greene
Church Announcer

Rayfield Hines
Church Custodian

Margie Allen
Clerk/Secretary

Dorothy Ellis
Program Coordinator

Financial Secretary, 1986, Dwight Mitchell

Financial Secretary, 1987, Pamela E. Williams

Youth Minister
Reverend Ervis E. Allen

Church Treasurer
Trustee Foster McCullough

The Edifice

When planning to construct our present edifice, the church was divided into five groups: 1) Shotwell, 2) Knightdale, 3) Eagle Rock, 4) Auburn; and 5) Raleigh. These groups were challenged to raise funds anyway they could. Some tenants and farmers donated bundles of tobacco and groups had different projects., e.g., gardens, acres of corn, sellings, raffles, weight rallies, shoe size rallies and programs as ways of raising funds. Many landowners donated trees and tenants were asked to request a tree from their landlords. Most of the lumber donated for the erection of our edifice was given by Mr. Paul Jones, a non-member of Good Hope Baptist Church.

A portion of the sand was donated from the farms of Deacon Fred Debnam and Deacon Henry Coffey. Men gave free labor. Ladies prepared meals and delivered lunches on a daily basis. The Good Hope members and community aided in the construction under the auspices of Reverend Claude Trotter, Sr., Contractor.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Our first fellowship hall was constructed at the rear of our new edifice by Mr. Walsh Randell and Mr. Henderson McCullers from the materials of the old church. This structure was utilized until our present hall was built.

THE NORTHWEST CORNERSTONE

The Faithful Workers Lodge #255 had a "Cornerstone Ceremonial Service" on a Sunday in 1955. It rained all day this Sunday; therefore, Mr. Henderson McCullers who was Master of Faithful Workers Lodge #255, Shotwell, North Carolina was given the authority by the District Deputy of the Grand Lodge to seal the cornerstone on a "more favorable day".

On the "more favorable day", Deacon Henderson McCullers, Deacon Marion Goodson, Sr. and Deaconess Annie T. McCullers sealed the cornerstone. A "Time Capsule" is included in this cornerstone revealing the names of the past and present ministers and deacons and names of the three who sealed the cornerstone (these three names are inserted in a small one cent match box).

Church Auxiliaries

DEACONESS BOARD

OFFICERS

President ..... **Mrs. Shirley Debnam**
Vice President ..... Mrs. Zula Mae Lane
Secretary ..... Mrs. Sarah Smith
Assistant Secretary ..... Mrs. Cynthia Rentz

MEMBERS

Mrs. Marjorie Allen, Rev. Annie Bryant, Mrs. Bessie Coffey, Mrs. Patty Coffey, Mrs. Roverta Debnam, Mrs. Fay Dunn, Mrs. Katie Dunston, Mrs. Dorothy Goodson, Mrs. Martha Goodson, Mrs. Leatrice Highsmith, Mrs. Bernice Hinton, Mrs. Blondie Hinton, Mrs. Viola Johnson, Mrs. McKannie Jones and Mrs. Cora A. Watson.

MISSIONARY CIRCLE

President: Barbara Jones

Highlights of the Missionary Circle: The Missionary Circle gives money to the Oxford and O'Berry Centers and the community. Donations of clothing as well as money are given to the needy. They also give baskets to the needy families at Christmas, sponsor an Annual Senior Citizens dinner at Thanksgiving honoring our Senior Citizens, send youth to the J.J. Johnson Bible Camp, sponsor a Walk-A-Thon for mission to help our annual day and queen for Mission, gave money to Ethiopia, give donations to the sick and shut-ins, tape sermons for the sick and shut-ins.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Mae Ruth Watson, Eleanor Patterson, Anne R. McCullough, Ruthie Clemons, Iantha Greene, Dilcy Hall and Garfield Bryant.

President
Dilcy Hall

Vice President
Garfield Bryant

SENIOR USHERS

Clifton Dunn, President, Charles Etheridge, Samuel Greene, Dilcy Hall, James Hinton, Janie Leslie, Laney Partin, Beulah Ray, Nathaniel Ray, Eyvonne Staten, Jimmy Thomas, Alice Watkins, Lucy Watson and Hazel Whitley.

THE STOREHOUSE COMMITTEE

President: Mrs. Viola Dunston, Mrs Annie E. Jones, Mrs. Elsie Womack and Mrs. Mildred Bell.

THE FLORAL CLUB

The Floral Club was organized in 1975 by the late Mrs. Corinna Dunn. The group began with seven other members who were as follows: Virginia Seawell, secretary; A.d. Tucker, Asst. secretary; Viola Johnson, treasurer; Luetta Hines, Annie T. McCullers, Ruth Hall and Alice Watkins.

The second anniversary was celebrated with 16 members, all of the above, along with new members, Bernice Hinton, Viola Dunston, Cynthia Rentz, Alice Peebles, Grace Dunn, Thelma Johnson and Mae Ruth Watson.

When originated the Floral Club members brought flowers from their gardens at home in order to beautify the Church. Later as the Church treasury became larger, flowers were purchased from a florist.

Beautification of the Church is the main theme of the Floral Club.

FLORAL CLUB OFFICERS

President ..... Mrs. Ida Jane Shelton
Vice President ..... Mrs. Mae Ruth Watson
Secretary ..... Mrs. Virginia Hinton
Program Chairperson ..... Mrs. Cassie O'neal
Co-Chairperson ..... Mrs. Retha Debnam
Social Chairperson ..... Mrs. Ruthie Clemons

* MEMBERS *

Mrs. Annie Adams, Mrs. Queen Dunn, Mrs. Viola Dunston, Mrs. Luella Hines, Mrs. Bernice Hinton, Mrs. Velma Hinton, Mrs. Lottie Hodge, Ms. Thelma Johnson, Mrs. Doris Mangum, Mrs. Novella McCoy, Mrs. Annie McCullough, Mrs. Bertha Mial, Mrs. Oteria Montague, Mrs. Elner Patterson, Mrs. Mildred Staten, Mrs. Catherine Thurman, Mrs. Faye Tucker, Ms. Marie Watson and Mrs. Elsie Womack.

KITCHEN COMMITTEE

Lee Cassie Peterson — Yvonne Staten

YOUTH LEADERS

Antoinnette Watson, Carolos Givens and Shirley Johnson

YOUTH

Shirley Johnson, Bobby Hines, Robert Avery, Angie Watson, Rodney Ellis, Felicia Hines, Van Williams, Kevin Matthews, Nina Dunn, James Dunn, Jr., Wanda Avery, Tonya Montague, Ronnel Jones, Stephanie Hines, Stacey Johnson, Sheraldine Whitley, Trecia Rentz, Angela McKinnon and Donna Bryant.

Nikata Hines, Marvin Whitley, Dwight Mitchell, Jr., Christopher Debnam, Tuwanna Jones, Dee Woods and Evelyn Jones.

YOUTH and TODDLERS

Catherine Tennee Debnam, Aljoseph Montague, Jr., Unidentified, Michelle Smith, Thomas Smith, Jr., Judson H. Debnam, II, Brandon T. Debnam, Precious Moore, Brittany Lanier, Master Givens, Shana Patterson, Unidentified and Kira Staggers.

Michael Highsmith, Madlo Highsmith, Johnny Renty, Jr., Yvonne Staten, Shay Montague, Unidentified, O'Keith Greene and Tye Ellis.

Girl Scouts and Brownies

Courtney Goodson, Nikale V. Dunn, Angela McKinnon, Sparkle Dade, Kira Staggers, Nakita Joi Dunn, Shuana Dunn, Shae Montague, Vonetta Goodson, Carlene Hill and Vanessa Daniels.

Scout Leaders: Phyllis Dunn and Mae Ruth Watson.

THE FIRST AIDE CLUB

The First Aide Club was started sometime in the late 1950's. The members of this organization are striving to carry out and honor the name and standards of a First Aide, caring, sharing and helping.

Under the training of Mr. Wilbert Dunn, our group has been united with a larger organization, The United First Aide of Wake County.

Currently, the President is Mrs. Annie E. Jones and Vice President is Mr. Clesiestes McCullers.

First Aides: Ann Adams, Carla Adams, Ernest Adams, Mildred Bell, Cheryl Clayton, Beatrice Dunn, Clifton, Luella Hines, Mary Hines, Annie Jones, President, Cle McCullers, Patricia McCullers, Annie Ruth McCullough, Eleanor Patterson and Faye Tucker.

JUNIOR USHERS

Alnita Montague, Stacey Johnson, Donna Bryant, Tuwanna Dunn, Angie Watson, Hilda Dunn, Wanda Avery, Vonzile Whitley, Tonya Montague, Calvin Bass, Ronnell Jones, Kevin Matthews.

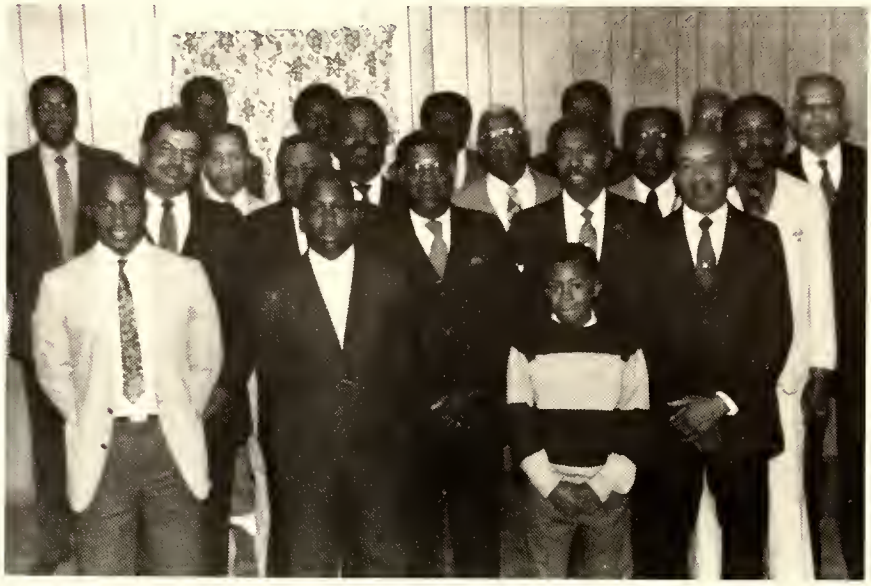
JUNIOR DEACONS

Demaris Howell, Dwight Mitchell, Jr., Jay Highsmith and Brian McCullough.

LADIES LEAGUE

President - Iantha Greene, Vice President - Fannie Jones

LAYMEN'S LEAGUE



President - Samuel Greene

PASTOR'S AIDE

OFFICERS

President ..... Mrs. Luetta Hines
Vice President ..... Mrs. Claudia Lane
Secretary ..... Mrs. Retha Debnam
Treasurer ..... Mrs. Annie Ruth McCullough

MEMBERS

Mrs. Annie Adams, Mrs. Ruthie Clemons, Mrs. Virginia Dingle, Mrs. Queen Dunn, Mrs. Viola Dunston, Ms. Dilcy Hall, Mrs. Bernice Hinton, Mrs. Velma Hinton, Mrs. Vertia B. Hinton, Mrs. Lottie Hodge, Mrs. Thelma Johnson, Mrs. Viola Johnson, Mrs. Oteria Montague, Mrs. Cassie O'Neal, Mrs. Virginia Robertson, Mrs. Ida J. Shelton, Mrs. Mildred Staten, Mrs. Mae Ruth Watson, Mrs. Marie Watson, Mrs. Elsie Womack, Mrs. Annie E. Jones, Mrs. Dorothy Mangum and Mrs. Bertha Mial.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

BTU Director - Ervis Allen

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

Superintendent, Garfield Bryant; Assistant Superintendent, Lester Johnson; Secretary, Tonya Montague; Assistant Secretary, Annie R. McCullough.

PRIMARY CLASS

Pattie Coffey - Teacher, Brenda Hill - Assistant Teacher, O'Keith Greene, Mykee Highsmith, Dee Woods, Ty Ellis, Madlo Highsmith, Tewanna Jones and John Rentz, Jr.

Brenda Hill, Madlo Highsmith, Mykee Highsmith, O'Keith Greene, Dee Woods and Tewanna Jones.

MEN'S CLASS

Co-Teachers - Samuel Greene and Foster McCullough, Fenner Bryant, Sr., Isaiah Goodson, James Coffey, Judson Debnam, Rayfield Hines, Harmon Seawell, Clesestes McCullers, Sidney Hinton, Samuel Greene, Foster McCullough, Ernest Adams, Theodore Goodson, Donald Patterson, Douglas Jones, Percy Debnam, Reverend Sherrill Dunn, Willie E. Jones.

YOUNG ADULTS

Teacher - Pam Williams, Assistant Teacher - Michael Mullen, Yvonne Staten, Cynthia Rentz, Barbara Jones, Pam Williams, Michael Mullen, Reverend Thomas Smith, Sarah Smith and Aljoseph Montague.

YOUTH CLASS

Teachers - Onie Mae Price and Shirley Johnson, Tracey Walker, Alnita Montague, Brian McCullough, Ronnell Jones, Wanda Avery, Demaris Howell, Trecia Rentz, Tonya Walker, Cledra McCullers, Daryl McCullough, Robert Avery, Kevin Matthews, Anthony McCullers and Tonya Montague.

WOMEN'S CLASS

Mrs. Luetta Hines, Mrs. Faye Tucker, Mrs. Mildred Staten, Mrs. Estelle Hinton, Mrs. Novella McCoy, Mrs. Lottie Hodge, Mrs. Virginia Hinton, Mrs. McKannie Jones, Mrs. Annie Jones, Mrs. Thelma Johnson, Mrs. Annie Ruth McCullough, Mrs. Ann Adams, Mrs. Vertia Hinton, Mrs. Ida J. Selton, Mrs. Viola Johnson and Mrs. Mildred Bell.

YOUTH CLASS

Teacher - Iantha Greene, Assistant Teacher - Eleanor Patterson, Trecia Rentz, Tonya Montague, Rodney Ellis, Ronnell Jones, Van Williams, Evelyn Jones, Stacey Johnson, Tasheen McCabe, Wanda Avery, Angela McKinnon, James Dunn and Angela Watson.

BEGINNERS CLASS

Ella Mae Montague - Teacher, Sylvia Price - Assistant Teacher, Thomas Smith, AlJolson Montague, Jr., Carla Hill, Ernestine Wright, Mario Hines, Shana Patterson, Michelle Smith, Precious Moore, Latish Dumas, Judson Debnam and Keith Gilmore.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is a premessage to introduce people to Sunday School. It is to get people to know and understand what Sunday School is all about. Vacation Bible School's purpose is to teach people about God. It is for people who desire to know more about God and who want to start attending Sunday School.

Vacation Bible School was held around the first or second week in June, 1986.

Teachers for Vacation Bible School for 1986 were the following; Shirley Johnson, Foster McCullough, Onnie Mae Price, Michael Mullen, Thelma Johnson, Antoinette Watson, Pam Williams, Minister Ervis Allen and Minister Thomas Smith. Coordinator of the 1986 Vacation Bible School was Mrs. Ella Montague. Miss Sylva Price was also a teacher. Vacation Bible School was very successful. There were many craft activities and on the last day there was a skit of class participation. Vacation Bible last day there was as skit of class participation. Vacation Bible School, 1986 was closed out with refreshments for everyone.

Velma Hinton, Ella Montague, Luetta Hines, Thelma Johnson, Annie R. McCullough, Iantha Greene, Reverend Thomas Smith, Shirley Johnson, Eda Watson, Barbara Jones.

Music Ministry

MINISTERS OF MUSIC

Leatrice Highsmith, Ron Foreman, Cynthia Rentz, Shirley Johnson.

MASS CHOIR

SENIOR CHOIR

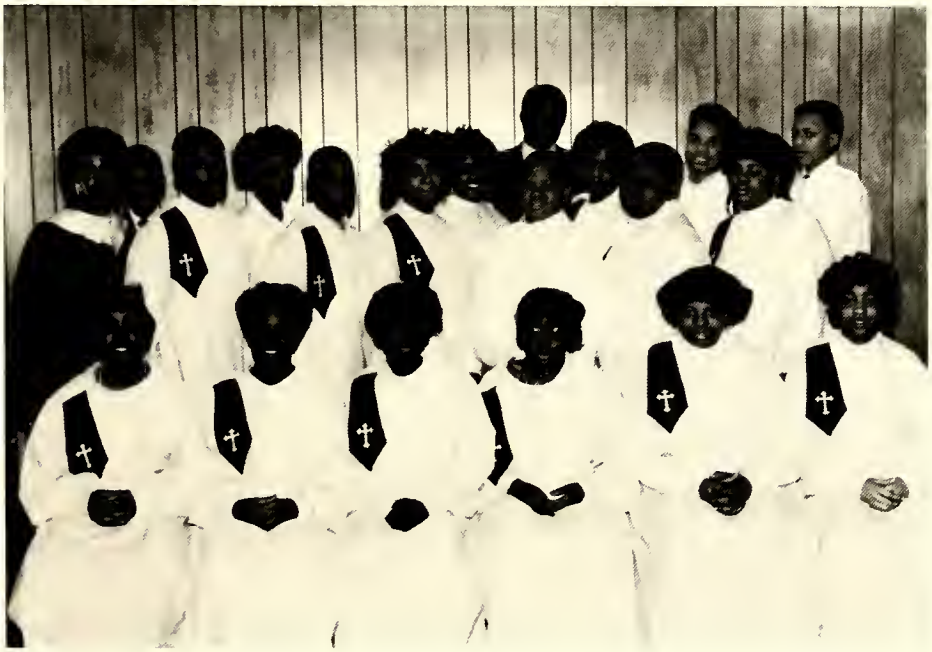
*** OFFICERS ***

President ..... Ms. Elsie Womack
Secretary ..... Mrs. Retha Debnam
Program Coordinator ..... Mrs. Claudia Lane

TOTS CHOIR

The tiny Tots Choir was organized in May, 1975 under the leadership of Mrs. Leatrice Highsmith. Mrs. Highsmith's assistant was Yvonne Staten. The membership consisted of ages 4 to 10 years of age. Some of that age group has become affiliated with the Junior Choir. In 1980, Pastor W.J. Cox was inspired to call them the Angel Choir.

JUNIOR CHOIR



Jr. Choir Members: Carla Adams, Robert Avery, Wanda Avery, Donna Bryant, Michelle Cox, Trecia Debnam, Hilda Dunn, Nina Dunn, TaWanna Dunn, Rodney Ellis, Douglas High, John Highsmith, Jr., Lolita Highsmith, Denise Hill, Danny Hines, Felicia Hines, Kimberly Hines, Nikita Hines, Stephanie Hines, Terry Hines, Rex Hinton, Stacie Johnson, April Jones, Brian McCullough, Daryl McCullough, Angela McKinnon, Alnita Montague, Tonya Montague, Tricia Rentz, Alfred Watson, Angela Watson, James Anthony Watson, Milford Watson, Marvin Whitley, Sheraldine Whitley and Vonzile Whitley.

EVEREADY GOSPEL CHOIR

*** OFFICERS ***

President ..... Mr. Roy McCabe
Vice President ..... Ms. Tari Jones
Secretary ..... Ms. Linda Lewis
Director of Music ..... Mrs. Leatrice Highsmith
Organist ..... Mr. Ron Foreman

*** MEMBERS ***

Minister - Ervis Allen, Marjorie M. Allen, Mildred Bell, Fenner F. Bryant, Gwendoly Bryant, Shirley Debnam, Beatrice Dunn, Clarence Dunn, Debra Dunn, Phyllis Dunn, Dorothy Ellis, Carlos Givens, Deborah Givens, Isaiah Goodson, Jr., Mary Goodson, Judy Hall, Lolita Highsmith, Bobby Hines, Garland Hines, Larkins Hines, Linda Faye Hines, Mary Hines, Sue Hines, Aaron Hinton, Kelvin Hinton, Faye Johnson, Lester Johnson, Shirley Johnson, Artez Jones, Douglas Jones, Fannie Jones, Tari Jones, Alma L. Lee, Linda Lewis, Roy McCabe, Charlene McCoy, Novella McCoy, Al Jolson Montague, Ella Montague, Larry Montague, Michael Mullen, Cassie O'Neal, Onnie Mae Price, Sylvia Price, Virginia Robertson, Virginia Sewell, Nina Solomon, Antoinette M. Watson, Crystal Watson, Edna Watson, Mae Ruth Watson and Marie Watson.

THE MALE CHORUS

The Male Chorus of Good Hope Baptist Church was organized in late 1950 by Deacon Earl Dunston. Pianist was H. Watson, Later Miss Bessie Dunn and presently Mrs. Leatrice Highsmith. The officers of the Male Chorus are as follows: President, Deacon Willie Edward Jones, Secretary, Henry Mial. Membership is as follows: Johnny Rentz, Garfield Bryant, Isaiah Goodson, Willie E. Jones, Manly Lane, Dwight Mitchell, Lester Johnson, Major Lane, Rayfield Hines, Aaron Hinton, Larkin Hines, Everett Dunn, Bobby Hines, Henry Mial, Fenner E. Bryant, Garland Hines, Larry Montague, Ernest Adams, Isaiah Goodson, Jr., Linwood Settles, Sidney Hinton, James T. Dunn, Carlos Given, Douglas Jones, AlJoseph Montague, Rev. Ervis Allen, Clifton Dunn, James Solomon, Alfred Watson and Clarence Dunn, Kenneth Hines and Roy McCabe.

Memories of Days Gone By

Cleaning the Church Cemetery
"A Long Time Ago"

Deacon S.M. McCullers standing beside generator used for electric lights in old church.

Mrs. Carrie McCullers standing beside the old church.

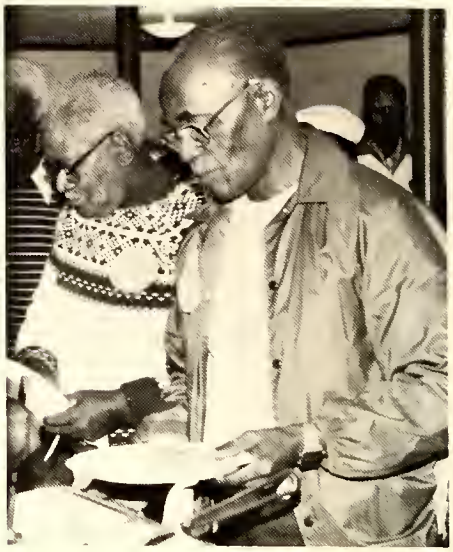
Left to right: Joseph Blake, George Williams, Unidentified Person, Elliot Hines and S.M. McCullers.

Church Celebration Sometime in the late 1950's.

HOMECOMING DAY
OCTOBER 13, 1985

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION
FEBRUARY 21, 1988

HOMECOMING DAY
OCTOBER 12, 1986



SENIOR CITIZEN DINNER
NOVEMBER, 1986

SENIOR CHOIR ANNIVERSARY
NOVEMBER 16, 1986

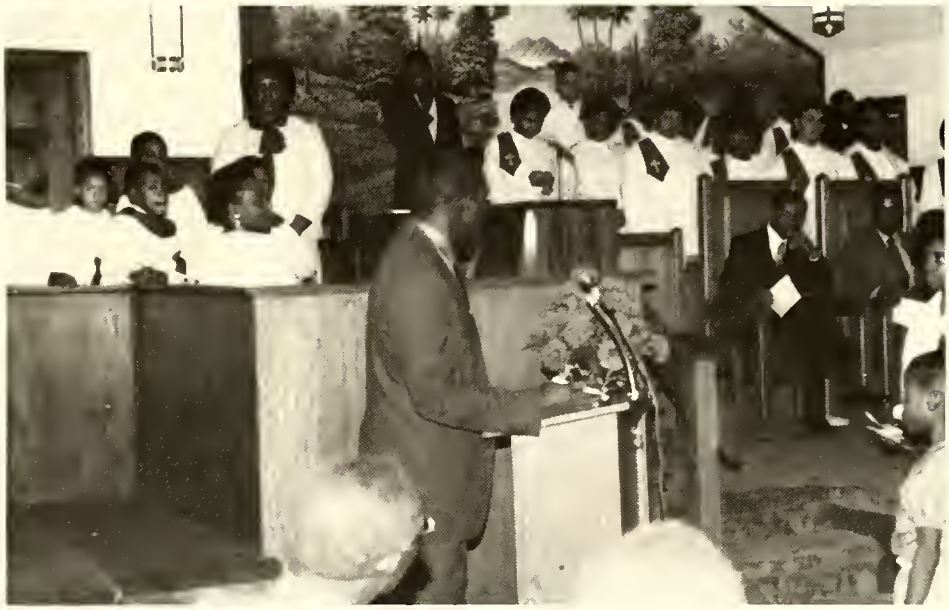
Installation, 1987

Communion Sunday

Installation, 1987

Dr. Leo Williams

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS, 1987



Youth and Angels being Inspired by Michael Muller.

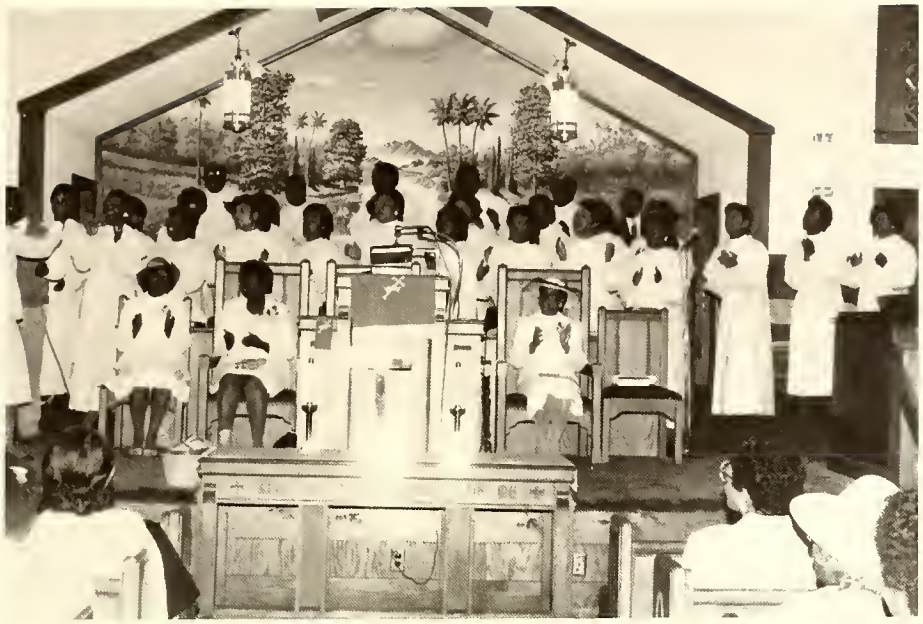
Youth and Angels being inspired by Charlene McCoy.

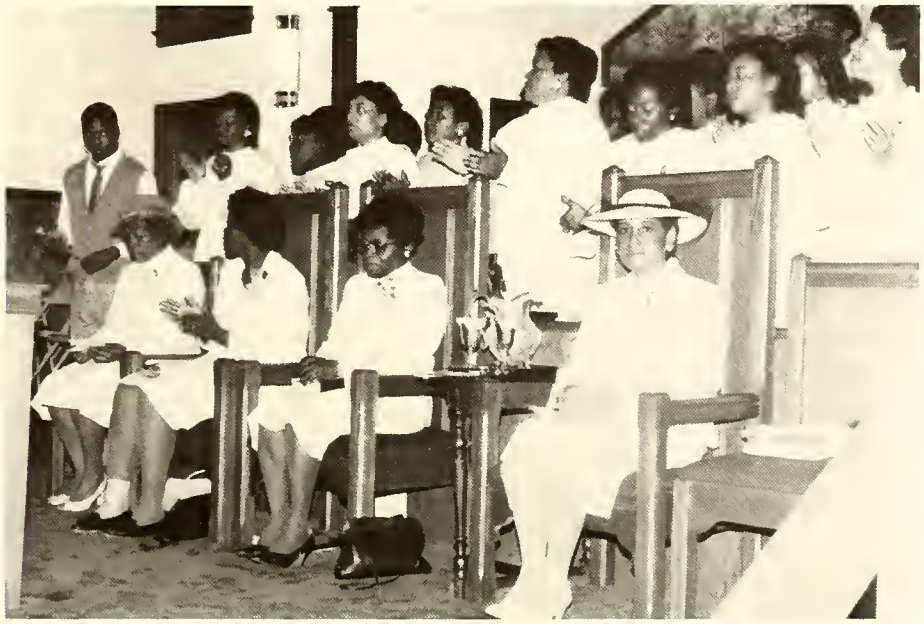
ANGEL AND YOUTH HOUR, 1987

Jay Highsmith as
Jessie Jackson
Twanna Dunn as
Coretta Scott King
Stacey Johnson as
Shirley Chisholm
Kevin Hinton as
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Angela Watson as
Sonjourner Truth
Wanda Avery as
Rosa Parks
Alnita Montague as
Mahalia Jackson
Rodney Ellis as
Malcom X
Tonya Montague as
Harriet Tubman

BLACK LEADERS
Sheriff
John Baker
School Board Member
Charles V. Holland
Councilman
Ralph Campbell
Former Mayor of Raleigh
Clarence Lightner

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION
FEBRUARY 21, 1988





DEACONESS DAY
OCTOBER 26, 1986

MALE CHORUS ANNIVERSARY
MARCH 15, 1987

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 15, 1987

W.G. ENLOE GOSPEL CHOIR IN CONCERT

Recital: "I Have A Dream" Kevin Hinton

APPRECIATION CEREMONY
FOR
Reverend Thomas Smith, Reverend Sherrill Dunn, Reverend Ervis Allen, Reverend Melvin Davis — November, 1987

Memorials and Tributes

RECOGNITION OF OLDEST CHURCH MOTHERS

May 11, 1987

Mrs. Lillian Broadie
Mrs. Bessie Coffey
Mrs. Roberta Debnam
Mrs. Lelia Goodson
Mrs. Ernestine Hall
Mrs. Luetta Hines
Mrs. Bernice Hinton
Mrs. Vertia Hinton
Mrs. Estelle Hinton
Mrs. Viola Johnson
Mrs. Annie Jones
Mrs. Bertha Mial
Mrs. Lillian Pope
Mrs. Gertrude Richardson
Mrs. Mildred Staten
Mrs. Faye Tucker
Mrs. Alice Watkins
Mrs. Cora A. Watson

RECOGNITION OF OLDEST CHURCH FATHERS

June 21, 1987

Mr. Fenner Bryant, Sr.
Mr. Major Lane
Mr. Millard Todd
Mr. Cleveland Lane
Mr. A.I. Goodson, Sr.
Mr. Everett Dunn
Mr. James T. Goodson
Mr. Ray Field Hines
Mr. Buddy Hinton
Mr. Carson Price
Mr. Eppemethus Williams

SPOTLIGHT

Deacon Fred Oey Debnam, 1906-1984, was a kind, trustworthy, and dependable church and community leader. He was always supportive of that which was right and willingly provided assistance to those in need. Deacon Debnam grew up in Wake County, married Roberta McCullers, and raised 11 children. In 1943, he became an ordained deacon of Good Hope Baptist Church. He also worked in other areas of the church and was active on local Wake County Public School board assignments, and served as a mentor in the Good Hope Church community. He is remembered and appreciated for his spiritual leadership and gratuitious contribution of the communion set, altarpiece, pew and many other noteworthy deeds to the church and the community.

Mrs. Viola Johnson, The following information was taken from an article written about Mrs. Johnson in December, 1949. "The Good Hope Baptist Church is about to begin a building program which will include a new auditorium, ten classrooms, kitchen, dining room, a church office and etc. When the edifice is completed it promises to be one of the most modern in Rural North Carolina. Mrs. Johnson is one of seven group leaders of the church. She states that when the appeal was made for funds for the new church she decided to plant sixteen rows of tobacco for that purpose. Two bags of high grade fertilizer were used. The tobacco was planted, well cultivated and harvested. It was sold for $137.00. Mrs. Johnson's efforts have set in motion a larger project for the year 1950. In one of the groups of the church, composing about sixty adult members they have banded themselves together and have planted and cultivated four acres of cotton for the Building Fund. By the efforts of this one loyal member other persons have adopted the plan too." The loyalty and devotion to the church exemplified the spirit of all our fore parents during this time. We should be more like them.

Mrs. Cora A. Watson, 1891-1987, was educated in Shotwell Schools, Saint Augustine's College and Shaw University. She taught several years in the Wake County public schools. Under the pastoralship of Dr. C.R. Trotter, she became a pillar of the Good Hope Baptist Church. For many years she served as Church Musician, Sunday School Teacher, Deaconess, Director of Vacation Bible School and numerous other capacities in the church and throughout Wake County. She inspired young and old to excel in education, Christian Fellowship and other endeavors.

OBITUARIES

Remembrance is a golden chain
Death tries to break, but all in vain,
To have, to love and then to part
Is the greatest sorrow of one's heart.
The years may wipe out many things,
But this they wipe out never;
The memory of those happy days,
When we were all together.

Reager Jones Adams	1921-1987
O'Kelly Adams	1/27/57
David Adams	8/16/54
Mary Terrell Adams	1/2/77
Theophilus Adams	1919-1980
Carbon Burnett	5/29/71
Millie Bunch	
Ellen H. Blake	6/8/71
Jessie Bland	1943-1974
King E. Bryant	1905-1968
Hoover J. Bryant	1904-1948
Mary I. Bryant	1886-1974
James Blake	1900-1972
Covina Bunch	1901-1978
Willie Bunch	1893-1960
Charles E. Bass	
Frank E. Blake	6/3/67
Joseph J. Blake	1892-1982
Sharon Bass	1964-1983
Maurice J. Copeland	1914-1951
Julie J. Johnson	1897-1949
Corine E. Christmas	1924-1970
Virginia W. Clark	1921-1963
Henry R. Coffey	1886-1967
Lenora Douglas	1934-1972
Romie Dunn	1902-1971
Corey T. Debnam	5/30/78
Oey Debnam	1950
Narcissus Debnam	1942
Rufus G. Dunn	1882-1945
Inez H. Dunn	1881-1950
Eldora H. Dunn	1893-1966
Norman S. Dunn	1892-1971
Lenora H. Dunston	1925-1974
Corinna Dunn	3/9/79
Henry Edward Debnam	1931-1980
Fred Oey Debnam	1906-1984
Troy Russell Debnam	1934-1984
Qvon Montez Dunn	
Zelma Dunn	1908-1964

Edith McCullers Evans	1896-1981
Susie Freeman	1979
Sie Freeman	1971
Junius Fleming	1916-1963
Joseph P. Goodson	1933-1962
Ophelia H. Goodson	1904-1943
Rona Hall Goodson	1898-1975
Samuel Goodson	1904-1986
Martha Curtis Goodson	11/30/87
Fannie Mial Hines	1933-1974
Rebecca Hall	7/1/68
James Hall	12/1/67
Katie Hunt	1985
Otha Haywood	1944-1978
Maude Hobbs	1892-1965
Margaret M. Hunter	1918-1965
Goldie Hinton	1912-1965
Goldie M. Holder	1929-1954
Mattie Hinton	1887-1944
Julia Hinton	1874-1938
Hattie Hall	1867-1952
Herman Hall, Sr.	1902-1977
Arthur C. Hall	1893-1980
Rev. Walter Hall	1890-1970
Isaiah Hall Jr.	1864-1953
Aggie P. Hall	1866-1953
Jessie R. Hall	1895-1971
Annie B. Hall	1901-1965
Lavine W. Hall	1930-1961
Ruth H. Hall	1904-1979
Earnestine L. Hall	1911-1986
Susan V.C. Henry	1928-1979
Laura Hinton	1912-1984
Caroldean Hines High	
Ed Hinton	1/21/40
Eddie Hinton	10/9/83
Frank Hinton	6/16/46
Jesse G. Hinton	12/09/60
Kindrick Hinton	3/30/11
Katie M. Hunt	11/28/85

OBITUARIES

(Continued)

Lue Settie Hinton	3/07/49
Mollie Hinton	12/22/55
Lee D. Jones	7/14/74
Ethel Johnson	1897-1955
Lenora A. Jones	1897-1962
Alma Terrell Jones	1/27/51
Ethel Johnson	1889-1955
Joseph T. Johnson	1819-1962
Earlie L. Johnson	1876-1953
Willie T. Jones	1895-1965
Earnest Jones	1914-1976
Lucille H. Jacob	11/06/66
Logan R. Jones, Jr.	4/13/78
Mariah H. Lane	1912-1972
Arthur Lane	1892-1972
Novene Mial	11/02/70
Hilry Mial	10/18/22
Alfonzo Mial	4/08/28
Tommie Mial	1884-1914
Mary E. Mitchell	1911-1954
Sim M. McCullers	1870-1966
Carrie S. McCullers	1887-1961
Willie McCullers	1902-1980
Sylvester Mial	1870-1954
Mary V. Mial	1873-1973
James P. Mial	1893-1968
Mozelle D. Mial	
Barbara J. Mangum	1938-1978
Jessie Mial	1909-1975
Viola Mial	1887-1972
Irene Price McAllister	10/29/81
Alonza McCullers	1925-1977
Earldine H. Minter	1914-1983
Waylon Mial	1907-1979
Derek Tyson McCullers	1958-1965
Alonzo McCullers	2/7/72
Aaron Montague Jr.	07/03/63
Irene P. McAllister	10/29/81
James Mial Jr.	1918-1987
Lester Mial	March, 1966
Martha Mial	
Rufus D. McCullers	3/26/75
Wilbert L. Pace	1922-1976
Artelia S. Pace	1900-1984
Mary Emma H. Price	1883-1947
Trumilla M. Price	1910-1977
Guilford Price	1879-1961

Rueben Ruffin	1890-1962
Minnie M. Ruffin	1894-1982
Thomas Rand	1927-1974
Gaston Rand	1903-1974
Marie Rogers	01/29/53
Merusha Ruffin	1926-1946
Lillie H. Ruffin	1895-1982
S. Percy Richardson	1898-1971
Walter K. Slade	1887-1967
Bonnie P. Slade	1889-1956
Andrew Sanders, Jr.	1920-1963
Bennie Staten	1915-1963
Novella H. Smith	07/10/25
Williams H. Smith	11/28/36
Josephine F. Thompson	1909-1943
Skittle Terrell	1868-1955
Cora A. Watson	1891-1987
Maggie Watson	06/21/71
Jennie V. Wall	1930-1986
Lucy Watson	1893-1928
Charlie Williams	1896-1972
Carrie Williams	1891-1940
Maggie D. Williams	1879-1958
George H. Williams	1873-1948
Malissie Williams	1914-1982
Katie Watson	1882-1974
Lenden Williams	1927-1975
Bettie Winters	1894-1975
Joe Williams	1896-1969
Lena G. Williams	1900-1969
Mamie H. Williams	1898-1976
Nathan H. Watson, Sr.	1893-1976
Eldora Hinton Watson	1897-1974
Nathan H. Watson, Jr.	1918-1962
Burnline Williams	07/03/11
Geraldine H. Whitley	2/9/70
Issac C. Williams	10/16/60
James H. Watson	
Paskel Williams	4/17/86

In Loving Memory

of

Our Father and Brother in Christ

DEACON EARLIE L. JOHNSON
1896-1953

Who taught us by example

Through Jesus Christ

Love, Patience, Humility and Long Suffering

The Children

To Honor Our Grandparents

MAJOR and CLAUDIA LANE
"WE LOVE YOU"

Grandchildren:
Charlene McCoy, Stacie Johnson, Major Tywan Ellis and Rodney Ellis.

In Loving Memory

of

MRS. SALLIE BUNCHE LANE
and
MR. DANIEL LANE

"The years have passed but the fond memories still linger."
Major and Claudia Lane and The Children

In Loving Memory of Our Father

JOSEPH BLAKE

Mother

EULA BLAKE

and Grandmother

ELLEN BLAKE

Sadly missed along life's way
Quietly remembered every day;
No longer in our life to share
But in our hearts you are always there.

Daughters,
Bertha
Bernice
Josephine

A Tribute to

Ms. Corinna Louise Dunn

and

Master Qwon Matez Dunn

"The Roses That Still Grow Beyond The Wall"

Lovingly,
THE DUNN FAMILY

FRED OEY DEBNAM
ROBERTA McCULLERS DEBNAM

In Memory of Our Father
Fred Oey Debnam
and
In Honor of Our Mother
Roberta Debnam

"Everlasting Love"

THE CHILDREN

In Memory of Our Brother

TROY RUSSELL DEBNAM

May 5, 1935 - January 20, 1984

After a lonely heartache
And many a silent tear,
But always a beautiful memory —
Of one we love so dear.

To Our Children

TONYA, LAMAR, KIRA

"This is my Commandment,
That ye love one another,
As I have loved you."
John 15:12

Your Parents
JAMES and NANNIE STAGGERS

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to

VIOLA HALL JOHNSON

He continue to bless you and keep you
in His loving care forever.

The Children

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and Make-Up
Fashion Color and Image

In Loving Memory of
My Wife and Our Mother

MRS. MARIAH LANE

"You are not forgotten, loved one,
Nor will you ever be,
As long as his life and memory last,
We will remember Thee."

Mr. Cleveland Lane
Deacon Manly Lane
Mr. Herman Lane

Mrs. Ann L. Adams
Mrs. Lottie L. Hodge
Mrs. Linda L. Woods

In Memory of Our Father

HENRY EDWARD DEBNAM
1930 - 1980
and

Tribute To Our Mother

RETHA MIAL DEBNAM

CHILDREN

Catherine Debnam
Roverta Louise Debnam
Henry Waddell Debnam
Patricia D. Richards
Lauretha Debnam
Tonya Cecilia Debnam
Trecia Yulanka Debnam
Christopher H. Debnam
Donald Clifford Debnam

GRANDCHILDREN

Catherine Tene'e Debnam
Brandon Trent Debnam
Christian Rashad Debnam
Amber Brionne Debnam
Najala Zakila Richards
Zack Edward Richards
Donald Terrill Debnam
Ashley LaDonna Debnam
Corey Devon Debnam

In Loving Memory of Our Family

ISAIAH HALL JR. — FATHER
AGGIE PACE HALL — MOTHER

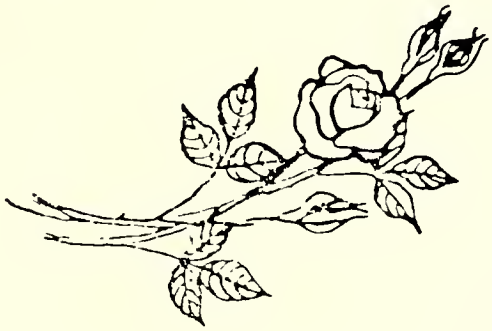
Sisters and Brothers

Walter Hall, Opehlia Hall Goodson, Arthur Hall, Mack Hall, Jessie Hall, Herman Hall, Aaron Hall, Rona Hall Goodson, Edward Hall, Wilard Hall, Ashley Hall.

Your children and sisters,
Lillian Hall Pope and
Viola Hall Johnson

In Loving Memory of Our Mother and Our Sister

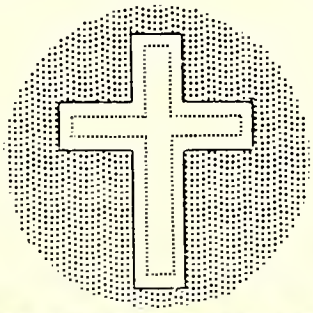
HATTIE M. BRYANT
ALBERTA B. PRINGLE



Garfield, Marjorie, Elner, Mary Frances, Fenner, Carolyn, Sandra and Nylous

In Loving Memory
of
My Mother

MRS. CLARA SHARPE
February, 1951
Macclesfield, North Carolina



MRS. BARBARA JONES

In Memory Of

LESTER MIALS
and
MARTHA MIALS

GRANDSON: DOUGLAS JONES

In Loving Memory

ELDORA & NORMAN DUNN

Even though you are gone,
Memories of you still lingers on.
We miss you more and more each day,
But we know that dying is life's way.

In Loving Memory

BARBARA JEAN DUNN MANGUM

Although you had to leave us,
We know in our hearts it was best.
Because you were the type of person,
Who couldn't stand for anything sad
to happen to the rest.

Son, Sisters, Brothers, Nieces, and Nephews

In Honor of My Father

BENJAMIN JONES

SON
DOUGLAS JONES

GRANDCHILDREN
KASUAL KELLY
THERESA CAMPBELL
JENNIFER JONES
APRIL JONES

DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
FANNIE JONES

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN
CANDICE CAMPBELL
KRYSTAL KELLY

In Loving Memory of Our Parents

DEACON NATHAN H. WATSON, SR.
and
MRS. ELDORA HINTON WATSON

In Honor Of Our Loving Mother and Grandmother

ANNIE E. JONES

"I can do all thing through Christ which strengtheth me."

Phillipians 4:13

In Loving Memory of Our Father and Grandfather

WILLIE T. JONES

Come unto Me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

In Loving Memory of
Our Brother

CHARLES E. BASS

In Memory of Our Daughter
and Sister

SHARON BASS
1964-1983

By: James, Nina and Darrol Solomon

In Memory of Our Loving
Mother

OPHELIA H. GOODSON

Sons: A.T. Goodson
T.R. Goodson

Best Wishes
On Your

One Hundred and Twenty-First Anniversary

GOOD HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE SEAWELLS
Harmon, Virginia, Gail, Tracey, Kimberly

In Loving Memory Of

Our Father

JAMES H. WATSON

and

Our Mother

CORA WATSON

"Gone, But Not Forgotten."

By Children: Luetta, Mildred, Ida, Oteria, Algia, Queen, Lucy V., Felix, Charles and Leatrice

In Loving Memory of Our Parents

DEACON S.M. McCULLERS **MRS. CARRIE S. McCULLERS**

1870-1966 **1887-1961**

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In Loving Memory of Our Beloved Parents

McKINLEY and EDITH EVANS

They tried to make each day worth while, and caught the sunshine and wore it in their smile.

They took interest in the little things of life and helped bare the problems of the church and community. They always tried to see things through.

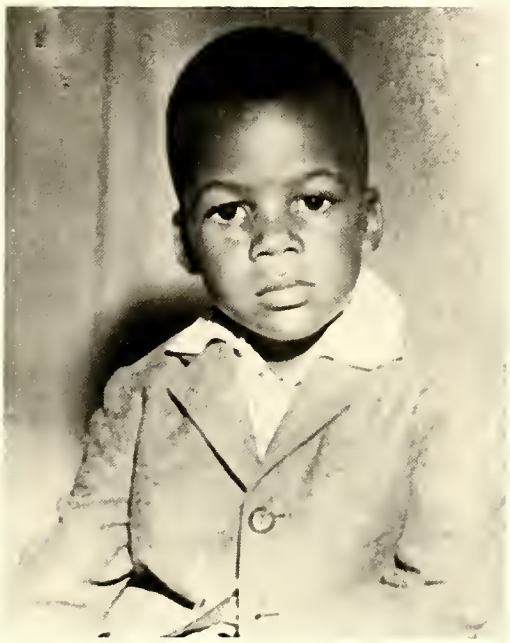
They gave generously and knew the precious secret of being a true christian.

We will always remember them saying, "I SHALL PASS THROUGH THIS WORLD JUST ONCE. THEREFORE, IF THERE BE ANY KINDNESS I CAN SHOW OR ANY GOOD THINGS I CAN DO, LET ME DO IT NOW, FOR I SHALL NOT PASS THIS WAY AGAIN."

The Children

In Loving Memory

DEREK TYSON McCULLERS
1958-1965



Some years ago, the world stood still
*just for a moment . . . and **you** got on!*

*(We're glad you **did!**)*

Time cannot steal the treasures
That we carry in our hearts,
Nor even dim the shining thoughts
His cherished past imparts

Lovingly remembered by momma and daddy: Henderson and Annie, brothers and sisters: Cle, Allen, Harriette, Pat and Anthony

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